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Annual Report

For the Town of

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ending December 31

1963

COVENTRY - BENTON

On January 31, 1764, His Excellency, Benning Wentworth, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New Hampshire, etc., granted to Theophilus Fitch and sixty-four other proprietors a new township named Coventry.

Now, two hundred years later, this township, renamed Benton in 1840, has a resident adult population somewhat fewer in number than the original proprietors. Yet for many generations, we have sent sturdy people outside our boundaries, and all over the United States there are descendants of Coventry-Benton families.

As we start the third century of our history, we feel that it is fitting to take some small notice of our past. It is for this reason that plans are being made to celebrate the Coventry-Benton Bicentennial during the year 1964.

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1963

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1963

Moderator: James J. Page

Town Clerk: Ruth F. Page

Selectmen:

James J. Page	(Term expires 1964)
John Boutin, Sr.	(Term expires 1965)
Osmon M. Collins	(Term expires 1966)

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector: Francis H. Lackie

Representative to the General Court: John Boutin, Sr.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Ethel A. Boutin Forrest E. Clark Lena Collins

Constable: William J. Harris

Highway Agent: John Boutin, Jr.

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Forrest E. Clark	(Term expires 1964)
William J. Harris	(Term expires 1965)
John G. Elliott, Sr.,	(Term expires 1966)

Auditor: Ethel A. Boutin

Sexton: John G. Elliott, Jr.

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: James J. Page

Fence Viewers:

Lester Noxon Forrest E. Clark

Overseer of Public Welfare: Ethel A. Boutin

Health Officer: John Boutin, Sr.

Civil Defense Director: Ruth F. Page

Ballot Clerks:

Iona Boutin William J. Harris

Ballot Inspectors:

Mildred Elliott Osmon M. Collins

Bicentennial Committee

James M. Leonard Ruth F. Page

Memorial Day Committee:

Ethel A. Boutin Mildred Elliott Lena Collins

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 10th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, James J. Page being the outgoing member; one Treasurer; one Tax Collector; one Highway Agent; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, Forrest E. Clark being the outgoing member; one Auditor; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $109.82 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $22.31 for the White Mountains Region Association.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to combine the usual observance of Memorial Day with the observance of the 200th anniversary of the granting of the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for this purpose.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the publication of a Bicentennial booklet about the Town.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 7. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the playing of beano.

Given under our hands and seal the 1st day of February, A.D., 1964.

JAMES J. PAGE

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

OSMON M. COLLINS

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1964 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1963

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual 1963	Estimated 1964
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 52.18	$ 50.00
Savings Bank Tax	10.46	5.00
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	1,091.85	1,000.00
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	507.04	471.91
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	33.00	35.00
Interest Received on Taxes	25.20	40.00
Income from Trust Funds	128.72	125.00
Rent of Town Truck	980.29	800.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	685.87	700.00
Cash Surplus:	1,891.72	
From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	90.00	90.00
Yield Taxes	1,022.42	1,000.00
Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes	$ 6,518.75	$ 4,316.91
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes:		5,452.13
TOTAL REVENUES		$ 9,769.04

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1964 Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1963

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual 1963	Estimated 1964
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 466.60	$ 450.00
Town Officers' Expenses	470.05	450.00
Election and Registration	124.73	325.00
Town Buildings Expenses	80.68	100.00
Police Department	15.00	15.00
Fire Department	51.50	100.00
Blister Rust Control Program	100.00	
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	4.25	5.00
Town Road Maintenance-Summer	935.10	800.00
Town Road Maintenance-Winter	1,368.18	1,000.00
Class V Highway Maintenance	507.04	471.91
Town Road Aid	111.89	109.82
Town Truck Expenses	892.46	1,000.00
Memorial Day	26.00	50.00
Cemeteries	274.76	250.00
Regional Association	17.58	22.31
Bicentennial Celebration		200.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	15.00	15.00
County Taxes:	425.68	400.00
School Taxes:	4,203.12	4,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 10,094.62	$ 9,769.04

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1963

Land and Buildings		$112,595
Electric Plants		33,800
Boats (After Exemptions)	(3)	105
Horses	(4)	275
Cows	(91)	8,890
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		200
Portable Mill		3,000
Lumber		2,500
Total Valuation before Exemptions		$161,365
Less: Veterans' Exemptions		—6,000
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		$155,365

STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED—1963

Total Town Appropriations	$4,964.99	
County Tax	425.68	
School Tax	5,175.61	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION		$10,566.28
ESTIMATED REVENUES		—6,332.40
		$4,233.88
Overlay		116.34
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES		$4,350.22
Separate Tax Rates:		
Town Rate	$—.80	
County Rate	.27	
School Rate	3.33	
Combined Rate		$2.80

Net Valuation $155,365 x Tax Rate $2.80=Amount to be Raised $4,350.22

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1963

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 450.00	$	$ 450.00	$ 466.60	$	$ 16.60
Town Officers' Expenses	450.00		450.00	470.05		20.05
Election and Registration	65.00		65.00	124.73		59.73
Town Buildings Expenses	100.00		100.00	80.68	19.32	
Police Department	15.00		15.00	15.00		
Fire Department	100.00		100.00	51.50	48.50	
Blister Rust	100.00	2.00*	102.00	100.00	2.00	
Health Department	5.00		5.00	5.00		
Vital Statistics	5.00		5.00	4.25	.75	
Memorial Day	25.00	8.00†	33.00	26.00	7.00	
Town Road Maintenance						
Summer	750.00		750.00	935.10		185.10
Winter	1,000.00	.26‡	1,000.26	1,368.18		367.92
Class V Highway Maintenance	507.04		507.04	507.04		
Town Road Aid	110.37	843.85¶	954.22	955.74		1.52
Town Truck Account	1,000.00		1,000.00	892.46	107.54	
Cemeteries	250.00		250.00	274.76		24.76
Regional Association	17.58		17.58	17.58		
Interest	15.00		15.00	15.00		
County Tax	425.68		425.68	425.68		
School Tax	5,175.61		5,175.61	4,203.12	972.49	
	$ 10,566.28	$ 854.11	$ 11,420.39	$ 10,938.47	$ 1,157.60	$ 675.68
			Overdraft		—675.68	
			Net Unexpended Balance		$ 481.92	

* Refund
† Donations
‡ Patronage Dividend
¶ State Share TRA

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1963

ASSETS

Cash		
In Hands of Treasurer		$4,085.47
Accounts due from State		
Porcupine Bounties		66.00
Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1963	$930.64	
Previous Years	10.12	
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1963	85.00	
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	5.00	
		1,030.76
TOTAL ASSETS		$5,182.23

LIABILITIES

Accounts due to State		
State Head Taxes—1963	$165.00	
Yield Tax-Bond & Debt Retirement	147.47	
		$312.47
Accounts due School District		
Balance of Appropriation		4,833.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$5,145.57
Surplus		36.66
		$5,182.23

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD, AND STATE HEAD TAXES

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector, Uncollected and Unredeemed Taxes as of 1/1/63	Levy of 1963	Levy of 1962	Levy of 1961	Levy of 1960	Levy of 1957	Levy of 1956	Levy of 1955	Levy of 1954	Levy of 1953
Property Taxes	$4,378.22	$393.92	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Poll Taxes	98.00	14.00				2.00			
Poll Tax Abated, Not Remitted			2.00						
Yield Taxes	824.19	60.61		38.04	77.60		36.40	3.08	9.82
State Head Taxes	290.00	45.00				5.00			
Unredeemed Taxes					112.68	54.74	32.70		
Interest	1.72	12.94					7.20	.94	2.40
Penalties	5.00	3.00							
TOTAL DEBITS	$5,597.13	$529.47	$ 2.00	$ 38.04	$190.28	$ 61.74	$ 76.30	$ 4.02	$ 12.22

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer									
Property Taxes	$3,418.67	$393.92	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Poll Taxes	72.00	12.00							
Poll Taxes Abated	2.00	2.00	2.00						
Yield Taxes	804.99	60.61					20.15	3.08	4.91
Yield Taxes Abated				38.04	77.60		8.13		4.91
State Head Taxes	200.00	40.00							
State Head Taxes Abated	5.00	5.00							
Unredeemed Taxes Abated					112.68	54.74	32.70		
Interest	1.72	12.94					7.20	.94	2.40
Penalties	5.00	3.00							
Discount	72.11								
Uncollected Taxes									
Property Taxes	887.44								
Poll Taxes	24.00					2.00			
Yield Taxes	19.20						8.12		
State Head Taxes	85.00					5.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	$5,597.13	$529.47	$ 2.00	$ 38.04	$190.28	$ 61.74	$ 76.30	$ 4.02	$ 12.22

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Uncollected Taxes as of December 31, 1963

	Property	Poll	Head	Yield
Levy of 1963				
Resident				
Boutin, John Jr., and Iona	$ 39.20	$ 4.00	$ 10.00	$ 19.20
Boutin, Joseph N. and Priscilla	20.30	2.00	10.00	
Crowe, Jane		2.00	5.00	
Elliott, John G., Jr., and Catherine	25.90	2.00	10.00	
Elliott, Robert O., and Beverly	.98	4.00	10.00	
Gregory, P. R., Jr., and Grace	121.24	2.00	10.00	
Harris, William J., and Seraphine	15.40	2.00	10.00	
Jones, William A., and Mary	83.58			
Lackie, Francis H., and Elizabeth	442.94			
Lackie, Frederick and Susan		4.00	10.00	
Mason, Lloyd and Laura		2.00	10.00	
Non-resident				
Albert, George	2.80			
Andrews, Francis H., and Evelyn	4.20			
DeRusha, Kenneth	.70			
Elliott, Robert F., and Alice	25.20			
Finn, Daniel J., and Mary R.	77.00			
Prue, William	14.00			
Shaw, James and Helen	14.00			
Levy of 1956				
Crowe, Jane		2.00	5.00	
Levy of 1955				
Boutin, Joseph N.				8.12
	$887.44	$ 26.00	$ 90.00	$ 27.32

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

1963	Property Tax	$3,418.67	
	Property Tax Interest	1.72	
	Poll Tax	72.00	
	Poll Tax Abatement	2.00	
	State Head Tax	200.00	
	State Head Tax Abatement	5.00	
	State Head Tax Penalties	5.00	
	Yield Tax	804.99	
			$4,509.38
1962	Property Tax	393.92	
	Property Tax Interest	12.24	
	Poll Tax	12.00	
	Poll Tax Abatement	2.00	
	State Head Tax	40.00	
	State Head Tax Abatement	5.00	
	State Head Tax Penalties	3.00	
	Yield Tax	60.61	
	Yield Tax Interest	.70	
			529.47
1961	Poll Tax Abatement		2.00
1960	Yield Tax Abatement		38.04
1957	Unredeemed Tax Abatement	112.68	
	Yield Tax Abatement	77.60	
			190.28

1956 Unredeemed Tax Abatement		54.74
1955 Unredeemed Tax Abatement	32.70	
Yield Tax	20.15	
Yield Tax Abatement	8.13	
Yield Tax Interest	7.20	
		68.18
1954 Yield Tax	3.08	
Yield Tax Interest	.94	
		4.02
1953 Yield Tax	4.91	
Yield Tax Abatement	4.91	
Yield Tax Interest	2.40	
		12.22
From Town Clerk:		
Motor Vehicle Permits		
1962 Permits	28.88	
1963 Permits	632.62	
1964 Permits	24.37	
		685.87
Dog Licenses		33.00
Town Truck Hire:		
Town of Benton	883.69	
John Boutin, Sr.	10.00	
Armand Hebert	2.00	
H. P. Cummings Construction Co.	84.60	
		980.29

From Trust Funds: 1962 Income			
For Highways		58.25	
For Cemeteries		70.47	
			128.72
From State of New Hampshire:			
Reimbursement a/c Town Road Aid		843.85	
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment		507.04	
Interest and Dividends Tax		52.18	
Savings Bank Tax			
1962	$5.92		
1963	4.54		
			10.46
Reimbursement a/c Blister Rust		2.00	
National Forest Reserve		2,183.71	
			3,599.24
Miscellaneous:			
Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, Inc., Patronage Dividend		.26	
Memorial Day Donations		8.00	
			8.26

Tax Anticipation Notes:		
Woodsville National Bank	1,000.00	
Benton School District	400.00	
		1,400.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$12,243.71
Balance on Hand 1/1/63		6,052.77
		18,296.48
Selectmen's Orders and Service Charge		—14,211.01
Balance on Hand 12/31/63		$4,085.47

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1963

Town Officers' Salaries:		
William J. Harris, trustee	$9.20	
Forrest E. Clark, trustee	9.20	
John Elliott, Sr., trustee	9.20	
Osmon M. Collins, selectman	43.40	
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	72.60	
James J. Page, selectman	123.00	
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector	60.00	
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer	60.00	
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	50.00	
Ethel A. Boutin, auditor	20.00	
Ethel A. Boutin, overseer of public welfare	10.00	
		$466.60
Town Officers' Expenses:		
Motor vehicle guide	14.60	
Supplies	45.61	
Printing town reports	190.89	
Transfers and redemptions	5.68	
Association dues	9.00	
Mileage	19.76	
Meals	14.26	
Postage	33.86	
Officers' bonds	69.00	
Killing stray dog	5.00	
Surveying part of Easton town line	15.00	
Boat report charges	1.23	
Motor vehicle and dog fees	38.00	
Bank service charge	8.16	
		$470.05

Election and Registration:		
Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor	27.60	
Lena Collins, supervisor	27.60	
Forrest E. Clark, supervisor	27.60	
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	9.20	
James J. Page, moderator	.9.20	
Osmon M. Collins, selectman	9.20	
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	9.20	
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	5.13	
		$124.73
Town Buildings Maintenance:		
Scruggs Hardware, supplies	20.69	
John Boutin, Sr., wood	60.00	
		$80.69
Police Department:		
William J. Harris, constable		$15.00
Fire Department:		
North Haverhill Fire Dept., Albert Boutin fire		$51.50
Blister Rust Control Program:		
State of New Hampshire		$100.00
Bounties:		
120 porcupines		$60.00
Health Department:		
John Boutin, Sr., health officer		$5.00
Vital Statistics:		
Ruth F. Page, town clerk		$4.25

Town Road Aid:

Appropriation		$110.37	
Highway work reimbursed by State			
Labor	$243.60		
Equipment hire	600.25		
		843.85	
Equipment hire		1.52	
			$955.74

Town Road Maintenance, Summer:

Equipment hire	388.50	
Labor	471.50	
Gravel	67.50	
Supplies	6.35	
Telephone	1.25	
		$935.10

Town Road Maintenance, Winter:

Equipment hire	479.20	
Labor	525.97	
Supplies	9.01	
Sand	10.80	
Salt	73.07	
Plow blades	270.13	
		$1,368.18

Class V Highway Maintenance:

Highway work reimbursed by State		
Equipment hire	208.87	
Labor	141.65	
Gravel	94.05	
Black top	62.47	
		$507.04

Town Truck Account:		
Gas and oil	339.74	
Repairs and maintenance	249.43	
Insurance	135.80	
Labor (to be reimbursed)	3.45	
Recapping tires	164.04	
		$892.46
Memorial Day:		
Flowers	4.00	
Food and supplies	22.00	
		$26.00
Cemeteries:		
John Ellicott, Jr., sexton	$250.70	
Fence posts	5.00	
Supplies	9.46	
Labor	4.60	
Mowing field	5.00	
		$274.76
Regional Association:		
White Mountains Region Association		$17.58
Abatements:		
Francis H. Lackie, Collector		$342.80
Interest:		
Tax anticipation note		$15.00
Indebtedness:		
Tax anticipation notes		
Woodsville National Bank	1,000.00	
Benton School District	400.00	
		$1,400.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
State head taxes		206.80	
Yield tax, bond and debt retirement		171.07	
County tax		425.68	
Benton School District Appropriation	$4,203.12		
National Forest Reserve, one-half	1,091.86		
		5,294.98	
			$6,098.53
TOTAL PAYMENTS			$14,211.01

TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1963

There are in custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income shown ($188.14) is that received during the year 1963, and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

		Distribution of Income		
Name of Fund	**Amount of Fund**	**Cemetery**	**School**	**Highways**
Ira Whitcher	$ 513.65	$12.96	$	$
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	8.50	2.00	2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
L. H. Parker	200.00	Field not rented, no income		
J. C. Speed	132.11	4.66		
Sam'l Whitcher and Wm. Kendall	189.69	6.69		
Wm. T. Torsey	45.46	1.60		
Samuel Annis	45.46	1.60		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	1.60		
George Clark	190.27	6.71		
Ella Mann	50.00	1.76		
K. L. Howe	50.00	1.76		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	3.52		
Isabella Tyler	50.00	1.76		
Lee B. & Maude McKean	100.00	3.52		
	$6,712.10	$71.64	$58.25	$58.25

All the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., or are invested in Government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Bank, Lisbon, N.H.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HARRIS
FORREST E. CLARK
JOHN G. ELLIOTT, SR.
Trustees

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, Selectmen, and Highway Agent and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL BOUTIN
Town Auditor

February 1, 1964

REPORT TO HEALTH OFFICER TOWN OF BENTON, N. H. FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1963

Three Well Child Conferences and immunization clinics were held in Benton this past year. The infants and preschool children were given a physical examination by the physician and immunization against whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria, smallpox and polio. Booster shots were also given to those who needed them.

The school children and adults were also given Oral Sabin polio vaccine type III due to the epidemic in Canada. With the cooperation of the school nurse the Heaf tuberculin test was given to the children in the grades one and four.

The state public health nurse also made home calls to infants, preschool children and adults for counseling and assistance with health problems.

My sincere thanks for the cooperation received.

Respectfully submitted,

LORETTA B. RUSSELL, R. N.
Public Health Nurse
Lincoln, N. H.

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

The annual Memorial Day Dinner was held at the Community Building. The usual menu of baked beans and peas, cole slaw, bread, pickles, cake, ice cream, and coffee was enjoyed by all. We wish to thank those who helped with the dinner and those who donated money. We hope that the ladies from the Grafton County Farm can be with us again.

Town Appropriation	$25.00	
Reimbursement	8.00	
Total Available		$33.00
Expenses		
Supplies	$22.00	
Flowers	4.00	
		-26.00
Unexpended Balance		$7.00
Donations Received		$22.25
Sale of Extra Food		3.00
Total Available		$25.25

We used $7.00 of donation money to purchase spoons and cups for the Community Building. Three dollars was used for paper plates and cups. The balance, $15.25, was given to the Community Christmas Program for the children of the village.

LENA COLLINS
MILDRED ELLIOTT
ETHEL BOUTIN
Memorial Day Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Benton School District

Year Ending December 31, 1963

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term Expires 1965
Mr. James Leonard	Term Expires 1964
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Term Expires 1966

Other District Officers

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Lena Collins	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. Forrest Clark	Truant Officer
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

Teacher

Mrs. Karen Patten	Benton Street School Grades 1-6

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said District on the tenth day of March, 1964, at one o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN
JAMES LEONARD
MILDRED ELLIOTT
School Board

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON 1964-1965

	Budget 1963-1964	Proposed Budget 1964-1965
100 Administration		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	$ 64.00	$ 64.00
135. Contracted Services	14.00	14.00
190. Other Expenses	15.00	25.00
200 Instruction		
210.3 Salaries of Teachers	3,600.00	4,300.00
215. Textbooks	150.00	150.00
230. Teaching Supplies	150.00	150.00
300 Attendance		
310. Truant Officer	5.00	5.00
400 Health Services		
410. Salaries for Health Services	65.00	65.00
500 Transportation		
535. Transportation	932.00	1,874.00
600 Operation of Plant		
610. Salaries of Custodians	410.00	400.00
630. Supplies	15.00	50.00
640. Fuel	80.00	190.00
645. Utilities	85.00	100.00
700 Maintenance of Plant		
725. Replacement of Equipment	50.00	50.00
766. Repairs to Buildings	50.00	50.00
800 Fixed Charges		
850.2 Teachers' Retirement	180.00	220.00
850.3 F.I.C.A.	85.00	85.00
855. Insurance	50.00	50.00

1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts		
1477.1 Tuition	4,515.00	5,100.00
1477.2 Transportation-to other school districts	218.00	
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses	212.00	183.00
1477.4 Tax for State-Wide Supervision	65.00	
Contingency Fund	100.00	100.00
TOTAL	$11,110.00	$13,225.00
# 200 Sweepstakes—contingent on receipt		$900.00

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE
1964-1965

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1964.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 2 of the Budget Report.
$13,225.00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1964	$ 100.00
State Aid:	
Foundation Aid	3,600.00
Foundation Aid—Special	400.00
Federal Aid:	
National Forest Reserve	1,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	55.00
Sweepstakes Revenue—contingent on receipt	900.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of $13,225.00 for the school year 1964-1965.

ETHEL BOUTIN
JAMES LEONARD
MILDRED ELLIOTT
School Board

Recommended Motion:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District the sum of $13,225.00 and in addition thereto the sum of $900.00 for the same purposes or as much thereof as may be received by the District from the New Hampshire Sweepstakes under RSA 284, and that there be applied against said appropriation such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire together with any other income and that the School Board be authorized to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated income and the appropriation to be raised by taxes by the Town.

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1963

	Budget 1962-1963	Paid Out 1962-1963
100 Administration		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	$ 58.50	$ 65.00
135. Contracted Services	14.00	8.00
190. Other Expenses	20.00	54.90
200 Instruction		
210. 3 Salaries of teachers	3,500.00	3,400.00
215. Textbooks	200.00	55.17
230. Teaching Supplies	200.00	204.58
290. Other Expenses		2.88
300 Attendance		
310. Truant Officer	5.00	5.00
400 Health Services		
410. Salaries for Health Services	70.00	50.00
490. Supplies	15.00	5.84
500 Transportation		
535. Transportation	932.00	831.00
600 Operation of Plant		
610. Salaries of Custodians	410.00	400.00
630. Supplies	15.00	26.05
635. Contracted Services		30.00
640. Fuel	80.00	187.90
645. Utilities	85.00	102.15
700 Maintenance of Plant		
725. Replacement of Equipment	50.00	55.75
766. Repairs to Buildings	50.00	
800 Fixed Charges		
850.2 Teachers' Retirement	170.00	120.40
850.3 F.I.C.A.	75.00	122.56
855. Insurance	50.00	41.80

1400 Outgoing Transfer Accounts		
1477.1 Tuition	3,815.00	3,988.98
1477.2 Transportation-to other school districts	218.00	192.41
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses	212.00	201.55
1477.4 Tax for State-Wide Supervision	65.00	60.00
1981 Refunds—Withholding (paid twice)		153.60
Returned to Town of Benton		450.00
Contingency Fund	100.00	
TOTAL	$10,409.50	$10,815.52

Because of bookkeeping changes the usual list of itemized expenditures is no longer printed in the school report.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963

Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1962	$ 555.66	
Revenue from Local Sources:		
Current Appropriation	4,090.42	
Appropriation (later returned to town)	450.00	
Balance on Previous Appropriation	642.70	
Trust Funds	58.25	
Revenue for State Sources:		
Foundation Aid	3,905.72	
Revenue from Federal Sources:		
National Forest Reserve	1,275.65	
Refunds:		
Internal Revenue—payment made twice	153.60	
		$11,132.00

Payments

Orders of the School Board	10,815.52	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1963	316.48	
		$11,132.00

July 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963

Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1963	$ 316.48	
Revenue from Local Sources:		
Current Appropriation	1,000.00	
Revenue from State Sources:		
Foundation Aid	3,616.91	
Special Foundation Aid	493.00	
Revenue from Federal Sources:		
National Forest Reserve	1,091.86	
		$ 6,518.25

Payments

Orders of the School Board	$ 6,232.54	
Cash on Hand December 31, 1963	285.71	
		$ 6,518.25

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1963

Assets

Cash on Hand June 30, 1963	$316.48	
Accounts Due to District From Town	450.00	
		$ 766.48

Liabilities

Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	$ 766.48

REVISED INCOME FOR 1963-1964

Cash on Hand June 30, 1963	$ 316.48
Accounts Due to District From Town	450.00
Revenue from Local Sources:	
Appropriation, as determined by Tax Commission	5,175.61
Other Revenue from Local Sources:	
Earnings from Trust Funds (estimate)	58.00
Revenue from State Sources:	
Foundation Aid	3,616.91
Special Foundation Aid	493.00
Revenue from Federal Sources:	
National Forest Reserve (estimate)	1,000.00
Total Income	$11,110.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1963

Cash on Hand July 1, 1962		$ 555.66
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	$5,183.12	
Received from State Sources:		
State Aid	3,905.72	
Received from Federal Sources:		
Forest Reserve	1,275.65	
Received from Trust Funds	58.25	
Received from All Other Sources:		
Tax Refund	153.60	
Total Receipts		10,576.34
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		11,132.00
Less School Board Orders Paid		10,815.52
Balance on Hand June 30, 1963		$ 316.48

LENA COLLINS,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN
Auditor

STATISTICAL TABLE
for 1962-1963

School	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Total Average Absence	Percent of Attendance
Benton Street	12	11.5	.5	96.0

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Deborah Elliott — Grade 4

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton School District:

I herewith submit my twenty-first annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton Street School in 1962-1963 was 12, the average membership was 12.0 and the percent of attendance was 96.0. There were fifteen pupils enrolled in other districts; three at Haverhill Academy, one at Woodsville High School, five at Woodsville 7th Grade, two at Warren Elementary School and four at Haverhill Elementary.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 15, grades 1 through 6. There are five elementary pupils and two high school pupils attending Haverhill, six pupils attending Woodsville Elementary and one pupil attending Woodsville High School.

There is one Benton pupil graduating from high school this year, David Harris.

Mrs. Patten tells us that she will be unable to teach at Benton next year. We have been very pleased with Mrs. Patten's work and feel Benton has been exceptionally fortunate to have her as a teacher for the past two years. We wish she could stay longer.

From the standpoint of good education and economy, the time has come when Benton will wish to consider transporting all of its pupils to Woodsville or Haverhill. There is very little chance that you will be able to replace Mrs. Patten successfully. The children have done well in the other schools. It appears that you can pay tuition and bus fare with the amount you are raising to maintain the Benton school.

We are faced with the problem of inadequate water

supply. It would appear that an artesian well or some other good water supply is necessary.

It is expected that Benton School District will be aided by funds from the New Hampshire Sweepstakes next year. At the present time there is no way of accurately estimating the amount of money the district will receive toward next year's budget.

I certainly appreciate your cooperation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of your children. Your School Board meets when needful. They are attentive to their duties and are most helpful in the operation of the school system. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 34

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #34, during 1963-1964, received a salary of $9,800.00 which was made up as follows: $4,750.00 paid by the State Department of Education from the per capita tax and $5,050.-00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of $1,300.00 for travel within the Union was also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel charged to each school district.

District	Salary	Travel
Benton	$ 82.31	$ 21.19
Easton	62.62	16.12
Franconia	528.99	136.18
Landaff	70.45	18.13
Lincoln-Woodstock	2,309.36	594.49
Lisbon Special	1,434.20	369.20
Lisbon Town	263.36	67.80
Lyman	157.56	40.56
Sugar Hill	141.15	36.33
	$5,050.00	$1,300.00

RONALD A. PERHAM
Superintendent of Schools

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1963

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Living or Stillborn	Maiden Name of Mother	Name of Father	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
January							
18 Linda Ann Lackie	F	L	Susan Jane Spinney	Frederick Howard Lackie	Benton	Woodsville, N.H.	Portsmouth, N.H.
February							
28 Joseph Napoleon Boutin	M	L	Priscilla T. Paradie	Joseph N. Boutin	Benton	Glencliff, N.H.	Woodsville, N.H.
December							
31 Lisa Jean Elliott	F	L	Beverly M. Moses	Robert Owen Elliott	Benton	Benton, N.H.	Woodsville, N.H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N.H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1963

Date of Death and Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Residence of Deceased	Age	Cause of Death
April				
23 Fred H. Sawyer	Benton	Conway, N. H.	81	Arterio Sclerotic-Renal Hypertensive Disease
August				
13 Albert W. Batchelder	Benton	Fitzwilliam, N. H.	59	Metastatic Carcinoma of Lungs
September				
1 John Przybyla	Benton	Manchester, N. H.	76	Cardiac Failure
December				
16 Otto August Sarkela	Benton	Wilton, N. H.	74	Cardio-pulmonary insufficiency

Program Of The White Mountains Region Association
1963 Year

Formed the White Mountains Industrial Council which in turn has successfully campaigned for a North Country Industrial agent.

Printed and distributed over 160,000 folders and booklets promoting the White Mountains region.

Printed in cooperation with the other five region associations of the state 400,000 booklets for the New York World's Fair.

Received over 8,000 inquiries and answered the same with packets of White Mountains folders or personal letters.

Sent over 25,000 pieces of mail from the office.

Wrote 44 news releases for use in the local media about vital economic issues.

Sent bulletins of inquiries to real estate dealers and bulletins of inquiries to innkeepers.

Supported the 4-H awards program to encourage the role of agriculture and awarded Mrs. Althea Hammond of Monroe "Outstanding Farm Wife of the Year."

Worked in cooperation with the Rural Areas Development committees of all three counties. Worked in cooperation with the White Mountains Recreation Association and other local promotional groups.

Conducted meetings throughout the region on vital current issues.

Upheld the interests of the North Country on bills and hearings at Concord relating to hunting, skiing, aviation, North Country industrial agent, North Country vocational school, access roads, and state park development.

Promoted new recreational developments and industrial developments.

Worked to raise the economy of the North Country of New Hampshire.

JOHN P. WILSON

Executive Secretary
White Mountains Region Ass'n.

COVENTRY - BENTON
WARRANT FOR FIRST TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 1801

State of New Hampshire
Grafton SS

To Obadiah Eastman Esqr one of the Justices of the peace for the said County of Grafton we the Subscribers

Free holders & inhabitants in the Township of Coventry in the State and County above said request you to notify & warn the freeholders and other inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the Dwelling House of Major Jonathan Hale in said Coventry on Wednesday the thirtyeth Day of December AD 1801 at ten oclock in the fore noon to Vote and act on the Following articles—Viz

1 st to Choose a moderator to govern said Meeting

2 ly to choose a town clerk

3 ly to choose Selectmen a constable and other town officers as the Law Directs

Dated Coventry December the 11th AD 1801

Robert Eliot

James Ford

Salmon Niles

Elisha Ford

Samuel Marston

Saml Jackson

Saml Jackson Jun

Obadiah Eastman Jun

James Eastman

Barnabas Niles

In compliance with the above Written Request to me made, I do hereby notify and warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants in said Township of Coventry Quallified by Law to Vote in Town Meetings to meet at the time & place and for the purposes above mentioned or set forth in said Request

Given under my Hand and Seal this eleaventh Day of December AD 1801
Obadiah Eastman Just Peace

WARRANT FOR FIRST TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 1801

State of New-Hampshire } To Obadiah Eastman Esqr one of
Grafton ss } the Justices of the peace for the said
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Given under my Hand and seal
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Ad 1801 Obadiah Eastman Just^s Peace